

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q59812

Pierre REBREYEND, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/605,882

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 7302

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

Filed: June 29, 2000

For: **PLASMA TORCH, METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM  
AND PREFORM FABRICATION SYSTEM USING THE METHOD**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 4, 2002 to April 4, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account 19-4880 for the statutory fee of \$410.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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